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SUBJECT: ECONADS: ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: A) USNATO 4810; B) USNATO 4823; C) STATE 199758

1. ECONADS MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 MADE NO FURTHER PROGRESS IN REACHING CONSENSUS ON ROLE OF ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IN PROBLEM OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY SINCE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE HAS NOT YET ISSUED REVISED DRAFT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

2. FRANCE AND NORWAY AGREED WITH UK VIEW THAT ANY ACTION BY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SHOULD AWAIT COMPLETION OF ADIT STUDY AND SHOULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN ON INSTRUCTION FROM CNAD. FRG ALSO AGREED ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SHOULD AWAIT RESULTS OF CNAD AND ADIT WORK, BUT ADDED THAT FRG WOULD NOT OPPOSE ANY MAJORITY AGREEMENT REACHED IN COMMITTEE. FRENCH REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT'S PRELIMINARY REACTION UNFAVORABLE TO US SUGGESTION FOR STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH BEGINNING WITH STUDY OUTLINED IN PARA 5 OF ED/EC/74/61. FRANCE BELIEVES THAT WITHOUT MORE PRECISE AND LIMITING PARAMETERS, SUBJECT WOULD BE TOO BROAD FOR CAPABILITIES OF ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE AND ECONADS. BELGIAN REP AGREED ON NEED FOR MORE PRECISE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ANY WORK ECONOMIC COMMITTEE UNDERTAKES. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO SECTION 302(C) OF U.S. MILITARY PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1975 WHICH REFERS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO U.S. STUDIES ON STANDARDIZATION AND RATIONALIZATION, AND ASKED WHETHER U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PRECISE IDEAS ON WHAT LIMITED STUDY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE COULD LAUNCH TO CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER RATIONALIZATION AND EFFICIENCY OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE IN-

DUSTRY. ECONOMIC CHAIRMAN AGREED, BUT SAID IT IMPORTANT MEMBER COUNTRIES REALIZE THAT AT THIS POINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IS SUPPOSED TO INFORM COUNCIL IN WHICH AREAS AND IN WHAT WAYS IT CAN BE HELPFUL, RATHER THAN PROVIDE A DEFINITIVE PROGRAM OF STUDY. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WORK WILL ONLY BE IN COORDINATION WITH CNAD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. ADVICE WHETHER, ON EXPERIENCE GAINED IN US STUDIES ON STANDARDIZATION AND RATIONALIZATION, WASHINGTON CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON PARAMETERS FOR ECONOMIC COMMITTEE STUDY THAT WOULD SHED LIGHT ON WAYS TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS OF ALLIANCE DEFENSE INDUSTRY.
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